

Project Authorization



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Project Number

1072-Q

Project Title

DOLWD - Denali Youth Initiatives
Organized Village of Kasaan
May 21, 2010 to June 20 2011

Performance Period

Commission Amount \$10,402.00

Match Source(s)

Organized Village of Kasaan

Match Amount

\$64,000.00

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Grant/Award, this Authorization:

The Organized Village of Kasaan will coordinate the Prince of Wales Summer Youth Academy (POW) to assist and support young people who are experiencing a variety of barriers to gain essential work experience and employability skills. POW is a job readiness employment program for rural youth ages 16 - 20 and who live on Prince of Wales Island and includes the communities of: Coffman Cove, Craig, Hollis, Hydaburg, Kasaan, Klawock, Naukati, Thorne Bay, Port Alexander, Hyder, Port Protection, and Whale Pass.

Outcomes:

Ten youth will participate in an intensive 8 week hands-on internship and training program combined with cultural education and cultural sustainability projects. Activities including harvesting seaweed, cedar bark weaving, fishing, visits to the Haida Clan House, and story-telling with Native elders will encourage participants to explore their own culture as well as learn more about the Haida and Tlingit Tribes on POW.

Each participant will be matched with an on-site supervisor who is successful in the field the youth has chosen to pursue thus creating a unique mentoring experience. Each participant will complete an individual training plan upon completion of the POW.

The Academy is being developed by a committee that includes input from all 4 school districts, the POW Chamber of Commerce, 4 youth, 4 representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, one from the USDA, the Kasaan Tribal president, and school staff from Thorne Bay, Kasaan and Craig. The active involvement of Tribes, schools, youth, and potential employers will help assure the long term sustainability of this program.

IN PROGRESS

PLANNED START DATE: May 21, 2010

PLANNED END DATE: June 30, 2011

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PLANNED START DATE: July 1, 2011

PLANNED END DATE: September 30, 2011